AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a mesoporous silica complex having mesopores uniform in size, comprising

mixing said Components (A), (B) and (C) according to claim 2), wherein

- (A) An anionic surfactant
- (B) A silicate monomer
- (C) A basic silane;

in water or a mixed solvent of a water-miscible organic solvent and water, and wherein

- the ratio of Component (A) to the total of Components (A), (B) and (C) ranges from 0.05 to 20 mole %,
- Component (B):Components (C)=0.3 to 0.9 : 0.7 to 0.1.
- 9. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a mesoporous silica outer shell, comprising

forming said mesoporous silica outer shell based on the structure of the mesoporous silica complex obtained by the method according to claim 8 as a template, wherein the mesoporous silica complex is washed with an acidic aqueous solution, a water-miscible organic solvent, or an aqueous solution thereof, to remove Component (A).

10. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a mesoporous silica, comprising the method according to claim 8, further comprising calcining said mesoporous silica complex.

- 11. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a mesoporous silica, comprising the method according to claim 9, further comprising calcining said mesoporous silica outer shell.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a mesoporous silica complex having mesopores uniform in size, comprising

mixing said Components (A), (B) and (C) according to claim 3 claim 8, wherein said Component (C) is a basic silane represented by formula (1)

$$(R^{1}O)_{3}Si-X-NR^{2}R^{3}R^{4}$$
 (1)

wherein, R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ represent a normal or branched alkyl group or a hydrogen atom, and X represents a normal or branched alkylene, wherein when R⁴ has a carbon number of 0, the basic silane corresponds to a primary, secondary or tertiary amine; in water or a mixed solvent of a water-miscible organic solvent and water.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a mesoporous silica outer shell, comprising

forming said mesoporous silica outer shell based on the structure of the mesoporous silica complex obtained by the method according to claim 12 as a template, wherein the mesoporous silica complex is washed with an acidic aqueous solution, a water-miscible organic solvent, or an aqueous solution thereof, to remove Component (A).

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- 14. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a mesoporous silica, comprising the method according to claim 12, further comprising calcining said mesoporous silica complex.
- 15. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a mesoporous silica, comprising the method according to claim 13, further comprising calcining said mesoporous silica outer shell.
- 16. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the ratio of Component (A) to the total of Components (A), (B) and (C) ranges from 0.1 to 10 mole %.